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1. The Chinese Reform Association was organized in late 1948 to explore the possibilities of substituting an elected municipal government for the appointive governor in Hong Kong. It has developed a platform for a municipal government based on a broad electorate, to include all residents, both Chinese and foreign, who pay taxes in some form. Its immediate objectives are the development of Hong Kong through local self-government, cheaper food for the poor, protection of tenants against landlords, and better handling of medical treatment for the people. Although it has been working for these reforms for a year, little has been accomplished.
2. After the establishment of the Chinese Communist government in Peiping, the Chinese Reform Association advocated recognition of the new regime. Some officials of the organization claim that ninety percent of its members favor Communism; others doubt that the figure is so high. The backgrounds of several of the leading members include leftist connections or Communist leanings.
3. The Association has a standing committee of sixty members, of which S. Y. WONG\* (HUANG Hsin-yen 黄新彦) is chairman and MO Ying-kuo (莫应桂), vice chairman. Other active promoters of the Association include MA Wen-hui (马文辉)\*\*, attached to the Sincere Company interests, and Percy CHEN\*\*\*, barrister, son of the late Foreign Minister Eugene CHEN.
4. HUANG Hsin-yen was educated in Wisconsin. He lectured on chemistry at Cambridge in 1935-1936, but was dropped because of his radical views. In 1937 he became an adviser to General YU Han-mou in Canton, but little of his advice was accepted. During the Japanese occupation, HUANG inspected medicines for the Japanese. He is now chief chemist at the Sun Ya Pharmaceutical Plant. He is being watched by the British authorities in Hong Kong because of his pro-Communist political philosophy.
5. Percy CHEN, who was born in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and educated in London, knows little of social conditions in China or of the Chinese language. His

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wife is Russian. Since he was not taken seriously by the Nationalists during and after the war, his opportunism impelled him to go over to the Chinese Communists. He practices law in Hong Kong and has a following among some of the Chinese who believe he is working for the under dog.

6. MA Wen-hui is leftist in ideology and pro-Communist. He left the China Democratic League in 1948, however, in order to appear in a better light before the Hong Kong government.
7. MO Ying-kuei, Cambridge graduate, lawyer and member of a well-known family, is interested in Hong Kong civic affairs. Although his primary aim is to obtain some British decoration and possibly a knighthood, he is less servile in outlook and less resigned to the British policies than are the four Chinese representatives on the Hong Kong Legislative Council.

25X1 \* [REDACTED] Comment. HUANG Hsin-yen signed the Hong Kong greeting to the  
25X1 Chinese delegates to the World Peace Conference. [REDACTED]

25X1 \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. MA Wen-hui is a member of the Hong Kong Sino-British  
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[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] MA was reported as pro-Communist,  
vice chairman of the Anglo-Chinese Cultural Association in Hong Kong,  
and a member of the Democratic Alliance League.

25X1 \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. Percy CHEN's varied commercial and political activities  
have been extensively reported in the Chinese English-language press.  
He was educated in the USSR.

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